



HAWAII LABORERS-EMPLOYERS COOPERATION AND EDUCATION TRUST

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November 29, 2021

To: **The Hawaii Community Development Authority**

Re: **Testimony in Strong Support of Gentry Kalaeloa LLC, Ka`ulu Residential Community**
For Hearing on December 1, 2021 at 9:00 am

Aloha HCDA Chair, Board Members, Director Neupane, and HCDA staff,

The **Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund** (Hawaii LECET) is a labor + management partnership established in 1992 between the 5,000 statewide members of the Hawaii Laborers Union and over 250 construction contractor members of the General Contractors Association and the Building Industry Association. The Laborers International is the largest construction trade union in the country, and Hawaii LECET is part of a network of 38 labor-management LECET Funds in North America.

Hawaii LECET strongly supports Gentry Kalaeloa LLC's Ka`ulu Residential Community, which will provide 389 new, environmentally sustainable homes to local families, including 87 reserved homes at below market rates, or 22% of the total number of homes.

For over five decades, Gentry Homes has been one of Hawaii's most reputable local builders, providing over 14,000 residential homes and over two million square feet of commercial and industrial projects throughout the state of Hawaii. Gentry has been building homes in the master planned community of Ewa by Gentry for more than 35 years, including homes for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

The Ka`ulu Residential Community project will bring hundreds of much needed homes for local families, as well as ample recreational and open green space for the area and community. Gentry's Ka`ulu is consistent with the Kalaeloa Master Plan, the Kalaeloa Rules, and compatible with the Kalaeloa CDD. Thank you for this opportunity to offer our strong support, and we ask for your favorable approval.

Mahalo,

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